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Nobuhiro Minami et al.

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Examiner: Michelle A. Lazor

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For: METHODS AND APPARATUS FOR MANUFACTURING MOLDED ARTICLES

RESPONSE TO RESTRICTION REQUIREMENT

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Dear Sir:

In response to the Office Action dated July 7, 2004, Applicants, through their attorney, elect Group I consisting of claims 1-11, without traverse. Please cancel claims 12-20 without prejudice.

The present amendment comprises the following sections:

A. Amendments to the Claims

B. Remarks

Please grant any extension of time necessary for entry; charge any fee due to Deposit Account No. 16-0631.

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